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London Street Names,

From the London Chronicle. 'Stop at John street, please," asked the lady on the Aldwych train. "Yes, miss," replied the conductor, and absent-mindedly went on punching losing numbers. The car drew up in the wilds of Clerkenwell. "St. John street, miss." Bewildered, the lady looked around. "John street-John street, Bedford row, I wanted," she remarked, with asperity. And the car "tanged" on, while a passenger in the corner mused on London's clashing names. North, west, east, south, you get this "Gloucester street," probably judges from your attire, or your manner, whether it is Bloomsbury or Lambeth, Clerkenwell or Pimlico you seek. There is a remarkable thoroughness, too, about it. Baker street and Upper Baker street (a sufficiently confusing mathed of maning)

would look for around Madame Tussaud's but both are also to be found in Clerken-well, and so on, and so on. Let the au-thorities responsible confer and disentangle our mazes of street nomenclature.

On the Silver Standard.

in 1903 drawing a dollar salary of \$130 per month. He was then put on a sterling salary of £150 per annum, which gave him from \$13 to \$135 per month, and eventually got a rise to £180 per annum, which at the start gave him about \$175 per month. Now, owing to the fixing of the dollar at two and four, he is drawing of the dollar at two and four, he is drawing but \$128 per month, or a couple of dollars less than he was three years ago, in spite of a large increase of salary (union paper) in the mean while.

CANNON'S SPEECH

First Campaign Gun in the Fall Canvass

AT DANVILLE, ILL., TODAY

Forceful Presentation of Republican Argument.

PROTECTION AND PROSPERITY

Array of Facts and Figures in Address at Convention Which Renominated Him for Congress.

DANVILLE, Ill., August 16.-The followng is the address of Speaker Cannon at the republican convention held here today: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention: I thank you for this expression of confidence and I congratulate you on the confidence and I congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the country under republican administration. The republican party has followed the teachings in the parable of the wise servant who returned to his master the talent intrusted to his care multiplied ten fold. Clothed with responsibility for the administration of the government of 80,000,000 people, we have sought to make a return that will benefit those who intrusted the talent in our efit those who intrusted the talent in our care. We have succeeded in making two blades of grass grow luxuriantly under republican administration where one grew feebly before under the democratic administration.

Since the election of William McKinley as President the business of the country has doubled and the material interests of all the people have become better than all the people have become better than ever before in our history; aye, better than the condition of any people anywhere on earth in any time since history began. This is under the policies of the republican party as enacted into law by Congress and executed by the President. Attribute this condition to what cause you may, speculate about it as you will, call it confidence in men or measures, the fact reconfidence in men or measures, the fact re-mains that it exists and that there has never been recorded anywhere such indus-trial development and such a wave of pros-perity as has swept over the United States in the last decade.

Under the administration of the Dingley

tariff law there has been a greater devel-opment in all forms of industry than has law since the government was organized. The schedules of that law are not sacred, but the principle there embodied is fundamental. Since the enactment of the first revenue law under Washington down to the present time the periods of prosperity have been under protection, and the periods of adversity have been under the policy of free trade, or tariff for revenue

This remarkable prosperity under the Dingley law has not been for one class, but for all the people. It has touched the artisan, the farmer, the manufacturer and the common labor of the country. All have felt its beneficent influence, and I measure my words when I say that the production from all kinds of business enterprise has from all kinds of business enterprise has doubled since the memorable year of 1896, doubled since the memorable year of 1896, when the country in its distress turned to William McKinley, the champion of protection, as the advance agent of prosperity. The capital employed in our industries has doubled; the total wages paid for labor have more than doubled in these ten years; the farmers have lifted their mortify. gages and are enjoying the embarrass-ments of a surplus in the savings banks; and laborers have ceased to hunt for jobs and have become the hunted by the jobs; in spite of large immigration from other lands there is more work than workers in this country today. Capital is cheaper than ever before, and money can be had at less interest than anywhere else in the world. The sun of prosperity is shining on every part of our immense-stretch of territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the great lakes to the gulf and the Rio Grande. We are at peace with all the world, and our influence for peace, whether it be between two great powers in the orient, or among the small republics on the American continent, is felt throughout the

Stands Square on Its Record. The record of the servant is his best and only certificate for continued employment, and the republican party, as a servant of the people, stands today in this campaign

squarely on its record. We have no census figures as to business conditions in 1896, but we have those for 1890, 1900 and 1905, and to supplement these we have the official message of President Cleveland, complaining that unparalleled business distress and lack of confidence marked the greater part of his administra-tion. We also have the official statement of Samuel Gompers, as president of the American Federation of Labor, that more not return to them until 1897.

According to the census of 1890, there vere \$6,525,000,759 capital invested in manu

there were, in 1905, \$13,122,607,090 so in vested. The average number of wage earnvested. The average number of wage earners in 1890, as given by the census, was 4,251,535 (and Mr. Gompers said 3,000,000 were without work in 1894 and 1895). In 1905 the number was 5,492,178, not including those in the hand trades.

The total wages paid in 1890 amounted to \$1,891,209,696, and in 1905 to \$2,661,409,858.

The total value of the output of our manufactures in 1890 was \$9,372,378,843, and in 1905 \$14,873,818,425, not including the hand

1905, \$14.873,818,425, not including the hand trades. Taking the testimony of President Cleveland and Samuel Gompers as to the deplorable condition in 1894, 1895 and 1896,

deplorable condition in 1894, 1895 and 1896, it will be readily seen that the industrial development of the country, both as affecting labor and capital, has been at the rate of 100 per cent in the ten years.

There has been much discussion and no little confusion over the effort to compare the relative increase in wages and cost of living in the last few years. The labor bureau of the United States, in its last bulletin on this question, made a very careful letin on this question, made a very careful analysis for the fourten years from 1890 to analysis for the fourten years from 1890 to 1904. In that comparison and analysis it was shown that the weekly earnings of all employes had increased 53.4 per cent from 1894 to 1904, and that the retail prices of food product had increased in the same time only 12 per cent. This, I believe, is the only careful and scientific investigation that has been made on the subject.

No Spasmodic Prosperity.

The prosperity that has come to the country under the Dingley law has not been spasmodic nor sectional, except that it has produced greater extension of manufactur-ng into the central, western and southern states. This new census shows first that there has been a larger per cent of increase in the capital put into manufacturing plants in the last five years than there has been in the product of these industries. The actual increase of capital was \$3,700,000,000, or 41 per cent greater than the capital invested in 1900. The actual increase in outvested in 1800. The actual increase in output was \$3,384,000,000, or about 30 per cent over that of 1900. Capital has grown confident of its investment and has turned back into the plant a larger share of its earnings to increase the demand for labor and ultimately increase the output.

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000:000: the southern states, \$575,000,000: 000,000; the southern states, \$575,000,000; the central states, \$1,114,000,000, and the far western states, \$271,000,000. The percentages of increase were: New England, 24 per cent; middle Atlantic, 37.5 per cent; southern, 72 per cent; central, 42 per cent, and western, 73 per cent. While the increase in the old manufacturing centers of the cest was normal and healthy the inthe east was normal and healthy, the instates was in the nature of a great boom

Republican Economic Policy. The industrial census of 1905 shows this and demonstrates that under the economic policy of the republican party, with its steady and prosperous development, our manufacturing has steadily advanced into the great agricultural sections, placing the factory beside the farm, to make the exchange between the two great bodies of producers the more direct and equitable

farmers have doubled their crops and the aggregated \$1,912,000,000, or more than double the value in the last year of democratic administration. The value of farm animals also doubled in the same period, increasing from \$1,728,000,000 in 1896 to \$3,-

just and unjust alike, it descended upon our friends in the south, who still refuse to believe that prosperity can exist under republican policies. The value of the cot-ton crop went from \$319,000,000 in 1896 to ton crop went from \$319,000,000 in 1896 to more than \$600,000,000 in 1904, the last year for which we have statistics. The miners doubled their output of coal and iron, and in every line of industrial development the last ten years have been in harmony with this Scriptural injunction to make two hlades of grass grow where one grew be-

States produces one-third of the manufac-tured and agricultural products of the civ-ilized world. Our labor receives double the compensation that labor receives in Great Britain and three times the compensation paid to labor on the continent of product is consumed by our own people and the comparatively small surplus that goes abroad makes us the greatest exporting nation on the earth. In the rapid development of the country we not only live better than other people, but from the sav-lags of production we have become the wealthiest nation on earth.

Tariff and the Trusts.

While this unprecedented prosperity has come in less than a decade of republican administration and the Dingley tariff law ducer, both for the people and the gov-ernment, we occasionally hear the old wall that the tariff is the mother of trusts and one of the ablest and most uncompromising organs of tariff revision, an editorial show-ing that the giant steel trust is no longer proportion of the steel since its organiza-

All legislation, and especially revenue legislation, is the result of compromise. It must inevitably be so in order to com-mand, as, of course, is necessary, a majority vote of both House and Senate. It is. therefore, impossible to secure perfection in each schedule of a tariff bill; but I have conditions prevailing throughout the country at the time of its enactment helped to make it so, because it brought all the people together. In times of prosperity when it is attempted to enact tariff legislation

but when there is industrial depression different interests are more inclined to get together for the general good.

The Dingley bill did not, and does not, please the democratic party. That party denounces the policy of protection as robbery and declares for a tariff for revenue only. This has been the position of the democratic party for many years. It is its position today and the position of all its leaders, including William J. Bryan and John Sharp Williams, the leader of the minority in the House of Representatives,

Where there is confidence and prosperity without precedent there would be doubt and destruction of confidence.

I heartly indorse the platform lately adopted by the republicans of Indiana, which, in substance, says that the republican party will revise the tariff when it will do more goed than harm to the great mass of people.

It is vital that the republican party should

remain in power for the coming two years in order that the legislative and executive departments of the government should continue in harmony. If our friends, the enemy, should be successful in electing a House of Representatives in November next that body in the Sixtleth Congress would not be in harmony with the Senate or with producers the more direct and equitable and make them more dependent upon each other.

Not alone in manufacturing has there been this doubling-up process in prosperity under republican administration. The farmers have doubled their succession of the legislation enacted by the republican surance of complete power to be given to their policies. Their successes, conservatively speaking, would halt production and consumption, and, necessarily, busines and commerce, at least one-tenth. Instead of forging ahead, as we are now doing in every producing and business avenue, we every producing and business avenue, we would halt, aye, more, we would retro-

> Education, invention, capital and labor have struck hands. The forces of nature are utilized in production for the benefit of both producer and consumer. This con dition necessarily required the combined activities of employer and employe. Nat-urally, differences arise between the two

> our people are employed in gainful opera-tions, and 8,000,000, according to the statement of Mr. Gompers, are organized in what is popularly known as "unions." I feel sure that such organizations of labor have, as a rule, been useful, not only to the laborer, but to the employer as well, and to the whole citizenship of the re-public. If I were engaged in such occupation I have no doubt that I would be a member of the organization. But it is abthere should be profits to divide. There was but little profit to divide under the last administration of Grover Cleveland. There was much profit to divide under the administration of William McKinley, and labor on the average has been receiving a larger share of the profits in increasing wages every year since the election of Mc-

> see to it that the economic and financial policies which enable the people to create a profit shall be continued. The conferthe profits from time to time will be regulated by the contending parties. Capital must get its fair share or it will not continue in business; labor must get its fair share or it will suffer. Neither can permanently prosper at the expense of the other.

Employer and Employe.

In the contest between employer and emone hand has resorted to the lock-out, and strike. While both are to be deplored, considering the volume of production and the increase of population, they are becoming less frequent. In my judgment, the time will come when all such differences will be settled amicably between the contending forces; but in all contests employer and employe alike must obey the law which governs all and protects all. The boycott and the blacklist will pass away. There has been much criticism and much denunciation against alleged "government by injunction," and violent attacks have

pending before the House committee on the judiclary and advocated by Mr. H. R. Fulvested in 1900. The actual increase in output was 33,340,60,60,00 or about 30 per cent over that of 1900. Capital has grown come back into the plant a larger share of its earnings to increase the demand for labor and ultimately increase the coupture.

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property right for which there is no adequate remedy at law, is older than the Constitution, and as well established as any other principle of law or equity. The inalienable right of each citizen, be he weak or strong, is to come and go to and from his property without molestation, and to carry on business thereon, and, in the exercise of such right, he is entitled to call upon the government for protection through the courts.

Mr. Gompers claims that in contests growing out of strikes or lockouts he is opposed to violence on the part of any one connected with the controversy. I will not question the good faith of the claim, but I to say that if the legislation he demands were enacted destruction of property by ir-responsible persons in such controversies would increase. Again, if such legislation were enacted inder its cover vicious and were enacted under its cover victous and irresponsible persons belonging to the criminal class not engaged in labor or seeking to labor, would avail themselves of the opportunity as they have in many instances in the name of contesting labor, of destroying property, and the owner thereof would be without remedy. The legislaloose in times of trouble the criminally disposed. In charity for him, I do not be-lieve that he realized the consequences that would result from that which he advocates, and, in justice to all the citizenship of the republic, in justice to every man who lives in the sweat of his face by honest endeavor, I am now, and will be at all imes, opposed to this legislation which he

Gompers and Organized Labor. For thirty years I have represented a dis rict where nearly all the constituency have labor that Mr. Gompers claims to represent is composed of people who have the right to organize. They are of all churches and of no church; they are skilled and unand of no church; they are skilled and un-skilled; they belong to all the different parties; they are as intelligent and as pa-triotic as any other equal number of citi-zens of the republic. In the transaction of the business of their organization I have no doubt that they will co-operate with those who from time to time they place in authority, but in their party affiliations, in choosing the policies of the republic, I am ready to take my chances with them, and

The record of trust prosecutions and investigations into their practices is too long to here recite, but it is acknowledged to be most creditable, even by our political oppo-

The Congress has worked in harmony with the President and embodied into law more of his recommendations than has fallen to the lot of most chief executives. I believe the record of the Fifty-ninth Congress made in its first session will go into history as one of the best records of legislation for the benefit of all the people that has ever been made. The railroad rate law, the pure food law, the meat inspection amendment to the agricultural appropriation act, the free alcohol law, the consular reform legislation, the employers' liability law, all enacted at one session of Congress make a record of legislation which has not been paralleled in many

merce law, known as the Elkins law of 1902, and the rate legislation just enacted, coupled with many decisions by the Su-preme Court of the United States, render preme Court of the United States, render reasonably certain that practices which had grown up by large shippers of commodities demanding and receiving from common carriers exceptional rates for transportation not enjoyed by others is prohibited by law and penalized both as to the railway, or other common carriers, and the shippers. So that it is safe to say that each per. So that it is safe to say that each citizen in the United States will be treated the same as every other citizen. With equal privileges to all, there is no reason to doubt that by enterprise, industry and competition under equal conditions, monopoly is decreasing and will finally cease and a square deal afforded to every competition editions.

peting citizen.
We are willing to stand by the record and trust to the intelligence of the people as to whether they will continue this record of prosperity and wise regulation of abuses, or accept the preachings and promises of the demagogue.

BRIGADING THE ARMY.

of the quarter of a century succeeding its reorganization in 1870.

During that period the thirty-five cavalry and infantry regiments were scattered over the frontier in small one or two-company posts. Sometimes there were battalion posts and less frequently regiments came together for brief periods. Maneuvers

there were none, save in 1886 and 1883. Generals never took actual command of troops except when forced to by serious Indian uprisings, most of which were set-Indian uprisings, most of which were settled by captains and colonels. Company officers might spend years in the service and never see a battalion drill. But as the west was opened up by the railroads and the Indian wars died out with the Fine Ridge campaign of 1800-1891 there came to the Washington authorities a realization that a rearrangement was advisable, particularly as many an old post was tumbling to pieces. Unfortunately, the War Department decided upon the regimental-post policy, which easily fell in with the schemes policy, which easily fell in with the schemes of politicians. Thanks to their influence, the new posts were often located with far less regard to their strategical value than land speculators or trades people. Hideous brick barracks, devoid of architectural beauty, began to appear near towns like Chicago, Little Rock, Spokane, Burlington (Vt.), Des Moines, etc. At Omaha a beautiful oid post was abandoned, and a new one built to please the city; and at dwindling Helena the ugly post of Fort Harrison was constructed to reward certain politicians,

The new policy goes a step further. It looks to the creation of posts garrisoned by between 2,000 and 3,000 men, so that officers

may be trained not merely in battalion and regimental evolution, but in brigade exer-cises as well. Instead of there being separate posts for infantry and cavalry, there will be garrisons comprising not only horse and foot, but light artillery as well. gether, and each learn not only about their mutual dependence, but something of their respective functions. More than that, small posts are uneconomical from the military point of view, because of the many men to be deducted from the active strength for guard duty, and also for punishment, or on account of illness, and for performing the police and other duties executed in England by the general service corps. In two-com-pany posts, where the strength was, say, 120 men all told, it was rarely possible to pany, with the result that extensive drills were impossible. Practically as many men are needed for fatigue duty in a small-post as in a large one. At least, the concentration of 3,000 men in a post enables a far larger proportion of men to turn but for drill than where there are 120 or 200. master or commissary the large post is also much more economical. Food and supplies for 3,000 men can far more easily ularly if some of those five are not on any railroad. Hence the taxpayer should dou-bly welcome Secretary Taft's plan. He should get for his money a more efficient army and also one more economical; the War Department should be able to make substantial savings as soon as the brigade posts are completed. Fort Leavenworth, our American Aldershot, years ago proved the desirability of large posts from the strictly business point of view, as well as the military. And if, as is to be hoped, the United States by withdrawing for the

brigade posts would not interfere with the mustering out process. Such as are not then needed may be used by the militia, or kept up for national emergencies. Long Blacksnakes.

United States, by withdrawing from the Philippines, shall be able to reduce its army as it did in 1870, the establishment of

One of the significant features of this snake season, and of any snake season that occurs, which is every year, is the very long length of the blacksnakes that are seen. This is not at all remarkable, for about the only thing a blacksnake has to show for itself is its length. It has no musical tail like the rattlesnake, nor the puffed. out head of the hissing viper, nor the livid, languid manners of the housesnake-it has only length, and when with amazing speed it whips through the deep grass or dead leaves, it seems to be thirty or forty feel

So truly does this little illusion exist that when a person tells of a blacksnake seven or eight feet long, he prides himself on great modesty of statement. And, by the way, we have noted many blacksnake stories this

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